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Subject: Response to questions about the bark at OU5

EPA sampled the bark at the Stimson property in 2007. Of the 20 samples, PLM analysis detected asbestos in one sample. TEM analysis detected asbestos in four samples, including the one sample with a detection by PLM. EPA provided this information to the property owner in a letter dated August 27, 2009. EPA supplied you with a copy of that letter on February 9, 2011.

We did not then, nor do we now have sufficient data to determine if the bark posed a health risk.

Because there are areas in Libby that EPA has not yet addressed and where asbestos contamination remains, every business in Libby has responsibility for treating any asbestos-containing material as regulated material.

In the Best Management Practices fact sheets that EPA has developed and made available to residents, contractors and tradespersons, residents and businesses are reminded to &Take care not to bring any contaminated clothing or material back to your home or business. Treat any asbestos containing material as regulated material and comply with all state and local regulations."

EPA continues to develop its final cleanup decision for OU5. That decision will include how to manage material on the OU5 property.

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